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TO : Assistant Director for Operations
FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division
SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - April 1952

DATE: 12 May 1952

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1. [REDACTED] CIA historian, visited FDD for conference on the Division's history. His abbreviated version was subsequently reviewed by Chief, FDD, and returned with suggestions for revisions and additions.

2. A status survey of ORR translation requests was completed at request of Requirements Control, ORR.

3. At the suggestion of OIC, studies were undertaken on the operation of the Document Exploitation File, publication of the Consolidated Translation Survey, processing of requirements in the Division, a comprehensive survey of requirements, reports issued, translation service, and the document procurement and processing operations of FDD.

4. Approval for FDD to prepare and issue a manual-type publication, "Reference Aids," was received 7 April 1952. This approval was dated 27 September 1951.

5. Liaison with OSI personnel resulted in agreement for FDD to furnish Chemistry Division, OSI, with copies of all scientific cards filed henceforth in the Document Exploitation File.

6. Noteworthy reports and publications produced:

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[REDACTED] -- Study of sluggish operation of a machine tool plant in USSR.

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[REDACTED] -- Lower retail prices on food in USSR.
[REDACTED] -- Soviet parts plant production, economy and costs criticized in press.

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[REDACTED] -- Soviets abolish Ministry of State Food and Material Reserves.

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[REDACTED] -- Construction progress on South Ukrainian and North Crimean canals is unsatisfactory.

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[REDACTED] -- OB information on Bulgarian Border Guard Units.
[REDACTED] -- Bulgarian Border Zone controls.

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[redacted] -- Rumanian party training intensified.

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[redacted] -- Rumanian party stimulates production.

Albanian press criticizes Communist Party and other government sectors.

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[redacted] Editorial staffs of Northwest China newspapers criticized for inadequate propaganda efforts.

FDD Translation No. 318 -- Planning Metal-Plating Shops in the USSR.

FDD Summary No. 54 -- Information on the All-Union Scientific and Technical Society of Radio Engineering and Electric Communications imeni A. S. Popov.

FDD Summary No. 55 -- Serial Publications in the Arab States and North Africa.

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8. Evaluations and commendations:

Favorable comments were received from Air Force regarding Summary No. 51, The Hydrometeorological Service of the USSR.

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The value of FDD Periodical Abstracts in the fields of metallurgy and mathematics was attested to by [redacted] of Chemistry Division, and by [redacted] of Physics and Electronics.

Publication of FDD Summary No. 54 (ref par 6) resulted in commendation from ORR and OSI personnel.

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9. OIR, Department of State, expressed appreciation for
[redacted] (ref par 6).

FDD's survey of 1951 Chinese and Southeast Asia Communist newspapers concerning the Asiatic attitude to the Stalin coexistence theory was termed "very useful" by OPC.

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10. [redacted] provided 29 Chinese Communist publications during the month. Copies of Tudeh Party newspapers and other documents from Iran, 15 Bulgarian, and 2 Rumanian publications were also received via OSO.

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11. Twenty-five potential cases of duplication were prevented through Document Exploitation File reference. Twenty offices made 45 inquiries regarding 90 items. Five subject surveys identified 66 pertinent reports.

12. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions

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Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Details on Personnel Actions

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